



Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month. 6:30pm at St Johns Hall. 72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

Next meeting: Tue 10th Aug 2021.6:30pm.

CHRISTMAS-IN-JULY IS POSTPONED.



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Tamworth 4wd Club

Tamworth 4wd Club is a family orientated club. We cater for family participation in recreational four wheel driving and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction. Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Victorian High Country) are planned annually and in advance. The choice of trips you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain. Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Christmas-in-July social weekend, demonstrations and inter-club activities.

2019-2020 Committee

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Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. July 2021.

Held at: St Johns Hall, 72 Napier St, Tamworth.

Date: Tuesday 13th July 2021 Chairpoerson: Paul Ellison

Meeting Open: 18:32

Members Present: Paul Ellison, Jodie Thompson, Shaun Morrison, Clint Green.

Dave Maunder, Col Middleton, Rick Burton, Adrian Altona,

Apologies: Chrissy, Katrina, Leanne, one other(?)

Visitors: Matthew Ellison and Ben Allen.

Previous minutes True and correct. Jodie, Rick.

Business Arising from June 2021 Meeting.

-Association fees: Not paid. Leanne advised and will get them paid.

-Generator: Fixed and serviced. \$155.00. Paid. Thanks to Col for doing this.

- -Quick brief of driver awareness driving training day and come-try-day. Day went well and everyone had fun. People look forward to the next. Interested members Kate, James and Shannon turned up and had a ball.
- -Christmas in July. further discussion in general business.

Correspondence in & emails.

-email from Katrina re: letter of support to businesses.

Correspondence Out & emails.

- June 2021 Newsletters sent out to all members and sponsors.

Financials

Working Account: \$3841.80 Reserve Account: \$4180.83

Membership received from Sam Walters. Yah!!

New Business / General Business.

- -Reminder all whom attend meetings to sign in using the QR covid app.
- Jodie informed members of the Annual Summary of Financial affairs tier2 that needs to be completed and paid. Have previous years been submitted?
- -Jodie found lost memory sticks from older newsletters dated from 2011.

-Christmas in July. Long discussion around how wet camp grounds are, both at the shelter and Plan B. Further rain is expected (time of writing four days after the meeting, another 30mm has fallen!). Shelter is a swamp., "Plan B" camp ground is saturated. Plan C was suggested to camp at Plan B / shearing shed and a day trip to Nundle. Ponder Rosa and Sheba Dams would also be just as wet as a "Plan B". Paul suggested that CIJ is the clubs main fundraising and maybe to postpone for one month. It was motioned that we push it back at least one month, and discuss further at the next meeting in August. Motion voted: Daye/Col.

-Donations are waiting for letters of support to our sponsors. ARB has donated. Jodie to finish letter for the members and send a template to Bushy.

Trips:

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING. IT IS WET!

<u>Dorrigo / Ebor Falls</u>: Run by incoming member Mat Ellison, over the weekend that was to be Christmas in July. 31/July-1/Aug. Camping near new showground opposite Ebor falls turn off. Pub around the corner. Contact Matt. More info to be announced on the Facebook page.



TRIPS (extra & continued)

Mt Kaputar

Col looked into information for Mt Kaputar trip. Discussion on the Barraba Track as well as the main track in from Narrabri.

New set date is 14th & 15th August. This is the first weekend after the next meeting. Please contact Col and/or Leanne if interested. More info to be posted on the clubs Facebook page.

<u>Barrington Snow Trip</u>: sounded like a good idea at the time. Probably won't go ahead (need snow). The previous good snow weekend some six weeks saw most of the roads being closed by National Parks. The main Gloucester - Scone road is permanently closed on eastern side.

Barrington Tops October Long Weekend.

Ran by Dave. Full steam ahead. Will be located in Crown Conservation Area, either The Cascades or Water Gauge, both are on the Manning River. Grade: medium with heaps of fun. Pink ribbon will be used at corners and turn offs to show the way for others. Ample camping for everyone. Fishing right there on the door step. No ammenities at either locations, though, Loo's are 30 min drive. Nice freezing cold swimming holes & water falls nearby. Maps and info will be posted as the time gets closer. Caravan un-friendly unfortunately.

Moore Creek Caves:

Ran by Clint. Day drive to go exploring Moore Creek Caves. To be ran in October at this stage.

Mark this on our calendar. Grade: easy.

Meeting close: 19:15hrs.



For spectacular scenic views of remote volcanic mountains, steep Barraba track offers mountain biking, walking, and a 4WD tour in Mount Kaputar National Park, near Narrabri.

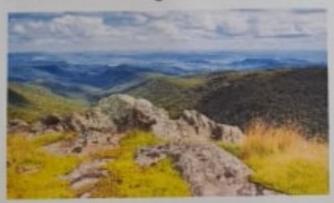
Where	Mount Kaputar National Park
Distance	8km one-way
Time suggested	3hrs
Grade	Medium
Price	\$10 fee and \$40 refundable deposit for 4WD permit and key.
What to bring	Sunscreen, hat, drinking water
Please note	4WD use of this track requires a key and permit with very specific conditions which may effect journey time, routes and availability.
	This track is closed during wet weather. Please check the park alerts for this track's status before setting out on your journey.
	 The weather in the area can be extreme and unpredictable, so please ensure you're well-prepared for your visit.
	Remember to take your binoculars if you want to go birdwatching

If you hanker for the rugged beauty of wild and remote places, then Barraba track in Mount Kaputar National Park, near Narrabri, will definitely get your heart pumping. Stretching from Kaputar plateau to the secluded eastern boundary, this steep track boasts spell-binding clifftop views. There's no reward without effort, and this limited access track will challenge experienced mountain bikers and walkers alike.



Several pioneering families lived in the Mount Kaputar area in extremely harsh conditions. Stockmen looked after sheep and cattle on the Kaputar Plateau, often going for months without seeing another person. Enjoy a walk to the historic Scutts Hut to experience the pioneers' harsh lifestyle. The Scutt family lived in the hut in the 1940s and 50s, and it has been carefully restored to its original condition. Most of the materials to build the hut and furniture were brought in by horse - even the rainwater tank.

An ancient heritage



Mount Kaputar National Park is the traditional Country of the Gamilaroi Aboriginal people. The park provided a rich resource for food, medicines, shelter and weapons and the landscape is part of Dreaming stories. Reminders of the Gamilaroi's connection to this ancient landscape are evident in Aboriginal rock carvings, campsites, marks on trees and axe grinding grooves throughout the park.

Colourful locals



Ascending the rocky track, stringybarks and blackbutts give way to majestic snow and mountain gums. You'll pass lush ferns and grass trees before arriving at the summit, where you'll glimpse the dramatic volcanic landscape of Mount Dowe and Lindsay Rock Tops, through the trees.

If you're cycling or walking, enjoy a hearty picnic lunch, before heading back down. If driving, round off your trip with a visit to picturesque Horton Falls.

Local alerts

For the latest updates on fires, closures and other alerts in this area, see https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/cycling-trails/barraba-track/local-alerts

General enquiries

National Parks Contact Centre

- 7am to 7pm daily
- 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS) for the cost of a local call within Australia excluding mobiles

parks.info@environment.nsw.gov.au

Park info

- in Mount Kaputar National Park in the Country NSW region
- Mount Kaputar National Park is always open but may have to close at times due to poor weather or fire danger.

Visitor info

All the practical information you need to know about Barraba track.

Track grading

Grade 4 Learn more about the grading system

Features of this track

Quality of markings Gradient
Clearly sign posted Very steep

Distance Steps Quality of path Experience required

8km Occasional Formed track, some Some bushwalking experience recommended

Getting there and parking

Barraba track is in the Kaputar plateau precinct of Mount Kaputar National Park. Please also note vehicle access to Barraba track is by permit and keys only. A \$10 fee and \$40 refundable deposit is payable by cash in advance. They are available from Barraba Cafe and Queen Street Cafe, Barraba. To get there:

From Narrabri:

WALKING TRACKS

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1. Vallusianida Walking Track – hard 4km return
This hard well starts from Green Camp are park and
climbs up through woodland to the base of the
Valludurica 'craiter'. From here there are no marked route
however experienced walkers can scarable over rocks to
the summit of Mt Yulludurida. Peturn the same way.

2. Mount Gryph Walk - medium 4km return. This bushwalk leads from the Coryah Gap pinche area, use steped leads the transport of the stepped lead services of Coryah Gaup pinche area, use the stepped lead services of Coryah Mountain to the summit. Once you reach the lava tenaces, the track circummavigates the summit, revealing the mysterious shapes of the Nanctewar Range and the wide open plain beyond. This is a specialcular wide for day impose hoppone, the sea specialcular wide for day impose experienced and well prepared thices to explore Russian Wildomess Ann. Not suitable for small children as there are exposed cliff edges.

Euglish Rock Track – easy 2km return
 This easy stroll leaves from the bottom of the Bark Hut
 camping area. This easy stroll leads to a lookout
 overlooking Euglish Rock, another spectacular volcanic

4. The overein or post of the conserver carpark and taken sout to the post of a large volcanic plug. The first taken sout to the post of a large volcanic plug. The first 300m of this valle is sealed and whose chair accessible to The Governor Lookout, overlooking the wilderness area. From here the track continues and wellers can scratted the post of the Covernor. This part of the walk requires medium firese and is not suitable for small children as there are exposed cliff edges.

Sha chindra is interere exposed on the molum 6km loop. This is a moturn walk along file realist that follow part of the original phone track from Coyan Gap to Deswisons. Spring. The walk begins at the Kaputar Phateu, life trail, experiencing the changes in vegetation with changes in altitude, at the junction with Souths Hulf ret rail turn right and continue walking along the fire trail until you meet. Reputar Read just above Bark Hulf. Wilk along the road to Dawsons Spring or return the way you came.

6. Scutts Hut - Kurrawonga Falls Walk - hard 19km This track is the longest walking track in the park and should only be attempted by experienced, well prepared bushwalkers. The track follows the Scutts Hut Floretail, beginning at the Reputar Road above Bark Hut and continuing down the ridgeline. About 7/km down the first all as leep walking track leads of it to the left and down to Scutts Hut and Kumavonga Falls. The return trip to Bark Hut is uptil all only the same route.

8. Summit Walking Track – medium 2km return This return track leads off the Dawsons Spring Nature Trail and connects Dawsons Spring with Mount Kaputar Summit, the highest point in the park.

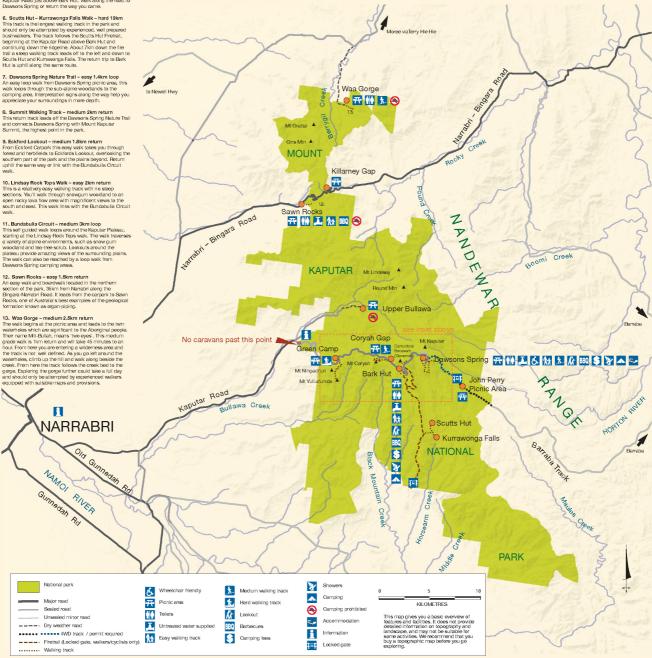
a. Eckford Lookout - medium 1.8km return From Eckford Carpark this easy walk takes you through orest and herbfields to Eckfords Lookout, overlooking the southern part of the park and the plains beyond. Return uphill the same way or link with the Bundabulla Circuit

is a relatively easy walking track with no steep ons. You'll walk through snowgum woodland to an rocky lava flow area with magnificent views to the n and east. This walk links with the Bundabulla Circuit

11. Bundabulla Circuit - medium 3km loop
This self guded walk loops around the Kaputar Plaises.
starling at the Lindey Rook Too swalk. The welk traver
a variety of alpine environments, such as snow gum
woodland and text-nee scrub. Lookout, around the
plaisesu provide arrazing views of the surrounding plair
The walk can also be reached by a loop walk from
Dawsons Spring camping areas.

12. Sawn Rocks – easy 1.5km return
An easy walk and boardwalk located in the northern
section of the park, 35km from Narrabir along the
Bingana-Narrabir Boad, it leads from the carpark to Sawn
Rocks, one of Australia's best examples of the geological
formation known as organ-piping.





Driver Awareness / Come-try-day



Clubs first Driver awareness training day in well over two years. Around 14 members and visitors turned up bright and early. After intro's Graeme got stuck into some theory, and was

straight on over to the hill climb for correct stall/reverse recovery techniques. After everyone had their turn, Dave blew two tyres attempting to show off. It doesn't pay. Then over to the driveway gull for some off camber and over-braking techniques, and a little driving in mud. It was then over to Pauls gully which is always a great safe playing area for those starting off driving obstacles. Lunch was in the shearing shed whilst it drizzled with recovery gear theory and demonstrations. After lunch, we were all over at Tip Gully for side angles and winch recovery techniques. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great day out. Lot of thanks to Graeme for the training.

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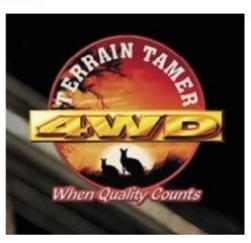


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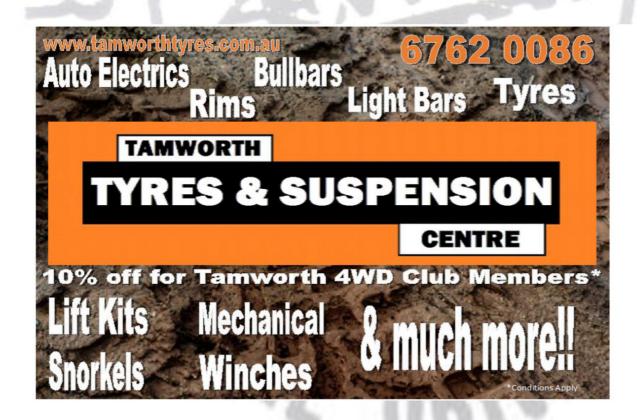
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HISTORY OF THE TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB

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THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES

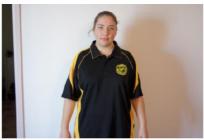
- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A "Rear Marker" and "Centre Marker" are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy's progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- · Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise











Adults:

- \$27 Polo Shirts
- \$30 Jumpers
- \$40 Hoodies
- · \$15 Caps
- \$15 Beanies

Kids

- · \$22 Polo Shirts
- · \$17 T-Shirts
- · \$30 Jumpers
- · \$35 Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer — Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name: Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621 **Account Number:** 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY



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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Names of Members:

Member's Signatures:

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Section 1 Please tick the statement with which you agree I/We hereby give permission for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or I/We do not give permission for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal detail (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Section 2 Please tick the statement with which you agree I/We hereby give permission for the Tamworth 4WD Club to publish photographs of my vehicle and family in the newsletter, website and at promotional events and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to Club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or I/We hereby do not give permission for the Tamworth 4WD Club to publish photographs of my vehicle and family in the newsletter, website and at promotional events and

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.



Current Financial Members

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